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1. The first step in the build-up of the Chinese Communist armed forces is the reorganization and equipping of an armored division of the 20 Army Group. The Communists have established an armored force training program in Peiping. By March 1951, 1,500 will be trained and assigned as junior officers to the armored division.* Several Soviet tanks have been shipped to Peiping for training purposes.

2. The 20 Army Group is in Tientsin.

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Comment. Number of junior officers appears excessive.

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